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DAVIS MAN PLEADS TO CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney John K. Vincent announced today that William Terry Deen, 46, of Davis, California, pleaded guilty today to 11 counts of knowingly transporting, via the Internet, child pornography. Deen's guilty pleas were entered in Sacramento before United States District Court Judge Edward J. Garcia.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Laurel D. White, who is prosecuting the case, beginning in September, 2000, the defendant, William Deen, made contact via the Internet with an individual he thought was a 13-year old boy in the Southern District of Texas. The purported 13-year old was actually an undercover officer. Deen and the undercover officer met in the chat room "Gaydads4sons," and had more than 43 contacts via the chat room between September 1, 2000 and January 4, 2001.

During their correspondence, Deen provided his true name, age, and physical description to the officer. He indicated he worked on computers at a college and that he lived in Davis, California. Deen also reported he could not use his home computer to chat because he had problems with it when he tried to access the Internet, so he used his work computer to make contact with the purported 13-year old. Agents later learned that Deen was a computer services engineer for the University of California at Davis.

Beginning on September 14, 2000, Deen sent the undercover agent in Houston, Texas, approximately 44 images depicting minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

On September 18, 19, 20, 21, and 26, 2000; October 2, 9, 18, and 30, 2000; and on January 4, 2001, Deen, sent the undercover officer more than 100 images depicting minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. On each occasion, Deen used the Internet to send the images from Davis to the undercover officer in Houston.

During his numerous online chats with the agent, Deen frequently mentioned how he wanted to meet the 13-year old, and engage in sex acts with him.

The defendant is scheduled to be sentenced on September 18, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. He faces a maximum sentence of 15 years in custody, a \$250,000 fine, and a \$100 statutory assessment for each count of conviction. Deen also faces a 5-year term of supervised release upon release from prison.

This case is the product of an joint investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigations in the Southern District of Texas and the Eastern District of California.

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